

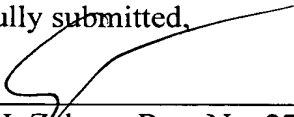
**REMARKS**

Apparently, claim 34 was not formally amended in the response filed November 24, 2003, despite the comments made on page 2 of the latter response. Appreciation is expressed to the examiner for noting the problem.

The previously discussed amendment is made in the foregoing presentation of claims. Claim 34 is the only claim which is currently amended. All the other claims have their prior form.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony J. Zelano, Reg. No. 27,969  
Attorney for Applicants

MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO  
& BRANIGAN, P.C.  
Arlington Courthouse Plaza 1, Suite 1400  
2200 Clarendon Boulevard  
Arlington, Virginia 22201  
Telephone: (703) 243-6333  
Facsimile: (703) 243-6410

Attorney Docket No.: ELLIS-3

Date: January 15, 2004

AJZ:bcf

K:\Ellis-3\Reply1.15.doc